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Identical letters dated 24 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of January 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 January 2016	2315 2330	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy caused several explosions.
2 January 2016	1712 1725	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, the Israeli enemy fired three mortar shells, which landed approximately 200 metres south of the Blue Line opposite Bastrah farm.
4 January 2016	1515	Explosions were heard inside the occupied Shab'a Farms area, near the Israeli enemy position of Ruwaysat al-Qarn (N467), while the Israeli enemy directed rounds of gunfire, 115 artillery shells and seven mortar shells at Lebanese territory. The projectiles landed on the villages of Wazzani, Majidiyah, Abbasiyah, Bastrah, Halta and Mari. One hit the Lebanese Army Tallat Wazzani position. No one was injured. At the same time, enemy reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters circled in Lebanese airspace.
	2123	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, the Israeli enemy fired mortar shells, which landed approximately 180 metres south of the Blue Line opposite Bastrah farm.
6 January 2016	1530	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle and a Defender vehicle approached the gate opposite the Lebanese Army Wazzani pumping station. Four soldiers stepped out and trained their individual weapons on the gate. At 1630 hours, the soldiers departed into occupied territory.
	1317	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy Merkava tank pointed its cannon towards the Lebanese Army position at Ra's al-Naqurah.
9 January 2016	1740	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, near the Israeli enemy position of South Marwahin, two Humvee enemy vehicles approached and searchlights were directed from within them towards Lebanese territory near Marwahin.
	1815	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Lebanese Army Udaysah checkpoint near point TP37, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle and a Defender vehicle approached. The patrol inspected the technical fence and directed a searchlight towards the checkpoint. At 1900 hours, the patrol departed into occupied territory.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
13 January 2016	1245	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Kafr Killa at Tallat Riyaq, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a four-wheel drive vehicle and two personnel carriers approached. Thirty soldiers stepped out, maps in hand, and took photographs of Lebanese territory. At 1315 hours, they departed into occupied territory.
	1330 1440	At the Birkat al-Naqqar locality, while an Israeli enemy patrol moved between the Ruwaysat al-Alam and Birkat al-Naqqar positions, its soldiers threw six smoke grenades at the side of the road inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.
15 January 2016	2230	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from its Labbunah-Jall al-Alam position towards Lebanese territory.
21 January 2016	1516 1654	Opposite Yarun, from its W423 position inside occupied Palestinian territory, the Israeli enemy directed a Merkava tank cannon towards position 50-6 belonging to the Finnish-Irish unit of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).
22 January 2016	0645	On the outskirts of Blida opposite the Lebanese Army post of Bi'r Shu'ayb, while an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Defender vehicles and a Hummer vehicle was patrolling the technical fence, nine soldiers stepped out and directed insults at the observation post personnel. At 0715 hours, the patrol returned into occupied territory.
27 January 2016	1825	From its Tall al-Rahib position inside occupied territory, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territory.
28 January 2016	1030	Opposite Udaysah, at point Shin 25 south of the Misgav Am settlement, the Israeli enemy released two balloons measuring two metres in diameter equipped with surveillance cameras. A patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles approached the site, and its soldiers trained their automatic vehicles on Lebanese territory. At 1700 hours, the enemy pulled down one of the balloons; the other remains aloft.
31 January 2016	1030	On the outskirts of Kafr Shuba-Bastara farm, some 70 people, accompanied by Deputy Qassim Hashim, attended a protest against the Israeli enemy's bulldozing of wooded land and altering the characteristics of the land. During the sit-in, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Merkava tank, four Defender vehicles and three Hummer vehicles approached. The tank trained its cannon on the protesters. An enemy patrol member addressed the protesters through a loudspeaker, telling them to leave and threatening to open fire if they failed to do so. The sit-in ended at 1130 hours.

Sea violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
10 January 2016	1705	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, proceeding some 222 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a four-minute period. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian waters.
12 January 2016	0330	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch directed several rounds of medium-weapon fire towards Lebanese territorial waters.
13 January 2016	1054	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 575 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 10-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
14 January 2016	1845	From occupied Palestinian territory, at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of 30 seconds.
15 January 2016	0745	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 120 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0750	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 120 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0755	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 170 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1633	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 260 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a two-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
17 January 2016	0749	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 240 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 65-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	0757	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 240 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 57-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1045	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 296 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 66-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1130	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 296 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a 15-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 January 2016	0740	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 220 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
31 January 2016	1550	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), proceeding some 400 metres into Lebanese territorial waters over a three-minute period before leaving in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Air violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
4 January 2016	1113	An Israeli enemy helicopter violated Lebanese airspace. It circled over Lebanese territorial waters before leaving.
	1210	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1515 hours over Rumaysh.
	1515	Israeli enemy helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, circling over the South.
	1520	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1515 hours over Rumaysh.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
5 January 2016	1030	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1150 hours over Rumaysh.
	2345	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0445 hours on 6 January 2016 over Rumaysh.
6 January 2016	1045	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 1630 hours over Rumaysh.
7 January 2016	0815	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b, It circled over the South, Jubayl and Shikka before leaving at 1500 hours over Naqurah.
	2030	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over Beirut before leaving at 2055 hours over Rumaysh.
10 January 2016	0640	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 1320 hours over Kafr Killa.
11 January 2016	0635	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub and the South before leaving at 1100 hours over Kafr Killa.
12 January 2016	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1630 hours over Rumaysh.
	0925	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b, It circled over the South before leaving at 1600 hours over Rumaysh.
	1105	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1240 hours over Alma al Sha'b.
13 January 2016	0615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1525 hours over the west of Naqurah.
	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa, the South, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1700 hours over Kafr Killa.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1115	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1330 hours over Alma al Sha'b.
	1225	A small balloon drifted in from occupied Palestinian territory, appearing over Dayr Mimas. It then disappeared from view as it headed west.
	1330	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2320 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1335	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 0250 hours on 14 January 2016 over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1355	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1910 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
16 January 2016	0910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 2200 hours over Naqurah.
	1255	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub, the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1740 hours over Kafr Killa.
17 January 2016	0820	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Akkar before leaving at 1610 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
20 January 2016	0815	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1005 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
21 January 2016	0545	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Akkar before leaving at 1500 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
22 January 2016	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1300 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
23 January 2016	0830	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa, They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1010 hours over Naqurah.
	1415	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1615 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1850	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Shikka. They circled over Shikka, Al-Arz and Jubayl before leaving at 2000 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
24 January 2016	1620	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1715 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1840	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Shikka. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2025 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
25 January 2016	1215	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1400 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
28 January 2016	0620	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Western Bekaa, the South, Zahlah, Riyaq and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1520 hours over Naqurah.
	0920	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1110 hours over Aytarun.
	0925	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms, It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1750 hours over Rumaysh.
31 January 2016	1040	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1300 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.